

MINUTES
SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE

Thursday, Jan. 10, 2013 at 12:00 PM

City Hall, 828 Center Avenue, Sheboygan Wisconsin
Third Floor Conference Room

Present: Scott Versey, Scott Hanson, Jeanne Kliejunas, Greg Ryan, Ted Vallis, Jennifer Lehrke, John Hill, Mark Pawasarat, Kevin Struck, Laura Gumm and Peter Pittner

Excused: Amy Peterson, Tom Holtan, Vickie Hall, and Kevin Matichek, Aaron Brault

Citizen Observer: Mike Moengenburg

Chairperson Versey called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M. (quorum present) and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The November 8, 2012 minutes were approved.

***City's Energy Baseline Resolution – Ald. Scott Versey** presented this resolution for review by the Task Force. Task Force members asked questions and made suggestions for wording. Versey will forward final draft to SSTF membership and move ahead to present resolution to the Council. If and when, the resolution is approved, the City Finance Committee will refer city energy reports to the SSTF for quarterly review.

Solar Energy Proposal from Arch Electric – Ald. Scott Versey thought it was approved by the Finance Committee but the Task Force wasn't sure. Ald. Versey will check if the proposal was approved and will report back to Task Force.

FOCUS GROUP REPORTS:

Energy (Ted Vallis, Laura Gumm, Jennifer Lehrke, Mark Pawasarat, Scott Versey, and Kevin Matichek) – (see above.) Jennifer Lehrke also looked into city zoning ordinances for solar accessibility. The city has no ordinance, and city planning is not in favor of restricting neighboring properties at this time.

Water & Natural Resources (Scott Hanson, Vickie Hall, and Pete Pittner) – Scott Hanson and Greg Ryan reported on neighborhood clean-up possibilities such as a "Garbage Amnesty" project. There are two recognized neighborhood associations in the City – Gateway and Ellis neighborhoods. Scott has looked into rates and arrangements for organizing such a garbage project, and Greg offered to spread that info to neighborhood groups he works with. SSTF would be willing to help set up a template for this project if neighborhood groups express an interest.

Scott Hanson and Pete Pittner presented the possibility of community gardens laid out along the proposed new bike path (railroad bed) through the city. **David Kuckuk** mentioned that West Bend has been planting wild flowers in some of its boulevards to cut down on upkeep and to preserve habitats. SSTF encourages Scott and Pete to discuss the bike path gardens with County Planning's Aaron Brault.

Transportation & Planning (Aaron Brault, Kevin Struck and David Kuckuk) – Aaron Brault reported via email that the Maximum Parking Ordinance project has nothing new to report, but that he has been meeting with affected parties and some adjustments will be made.

Education & Promotion (Greg Ryan, Amy Petersen, John Hill and Jeanne Kliejunas) – Jeanne Kliejunas reviewed SSTF's listing on the City's website and found it to be obscure and buried with various sections. It was suggested that SSTF have a link off the city website and/or have its own website. **Scott Versey** will check with Dave Augustine about having a link off the city's site, and he suggested setting up something on Facebook. The committee will look into these possibilities with Scott and Dave A.

Next meeting – March 14, 2013 noon.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Kliejunas, Secretary